

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend Paragraph [13] on page 6 of the Specification as follows:

[13] FIGURE 1 is a functional block diagram of an ATU-R transmitter in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention for a general DSL modem;

Please amend Paragraph [14] on page 7 of the Specification as follows:

[14] FIGURE 2 is a functional block diagram of an ATU-C transmitter in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention for a general DSL modem;

Please amend Paragraph [50] on pages 31-32 of the Specification as follows:

[50] Reference is now made to FIGURES 1 and 2 which illustrate functional block diagrams of ATU transmitters in accordance with embodiments of the present invention for a general DSL modem. The ATU-R transmitter is shown in FIGURE 1 and the ATU-C transmitter is shown in FIGURE 2. The ATU-R transmitter is similar to ATU-C transmitter but without need for and use of an Operation, Administration and Maintenance (OAM) path. The general configuration and operation of such DSL transmitters is well known to those skilled in the art. More detailed discussion of the transmitters is made only to the extent necessary to understand operation of the present invention. The operations of steps 90 and 92 as set forth in Figure 4 may be performed by the Mux/Sync Control/Idle Cell Removal machine 196 within FIGURES 1 and 2.